

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "CLOSING SYSTEM FOR A NATURAL OR AN ARTIFICIAL ANUS", the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/008256, filed 23 July 2004, and German Patent Application No. 103 33 706.7, filed 23 July 2003.

I hereby appoint Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17,293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30,883, Scott R. Foster, Registration No. 20,570, and Margaret M. Slezak, Registration No. 55,625, or any of them, of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451-1914, (Telephone No. 781-290-0060), my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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